

# LABOR DAY

*Town of Discovery Bay*  
*A California Community Services District*  
*"Friday Letter"*  
**To the Board of Directors**  
**August 30, 2013**

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

**General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ Happy Labor Day Weekend. Have a fun and safe weekend!.
- ✓ This has been a bad week for break-ins. On Saturday morning I received a call from Veolia staff that the gate at WWTP II was open and the lock was cut. One of the storage containers that a contractor has on site was broken into and a box trailer was stolen. The Sheriff was notified and a report was taken. Video surveillance provides the time line and a general description of the offenders.
- ✓ As the Board is aware, the pool suffered some minor vandalism two weeks back when a piece of the pool coping was broken. Today, Adams Pools repaired the coping at no cost to the District. See photo, below:

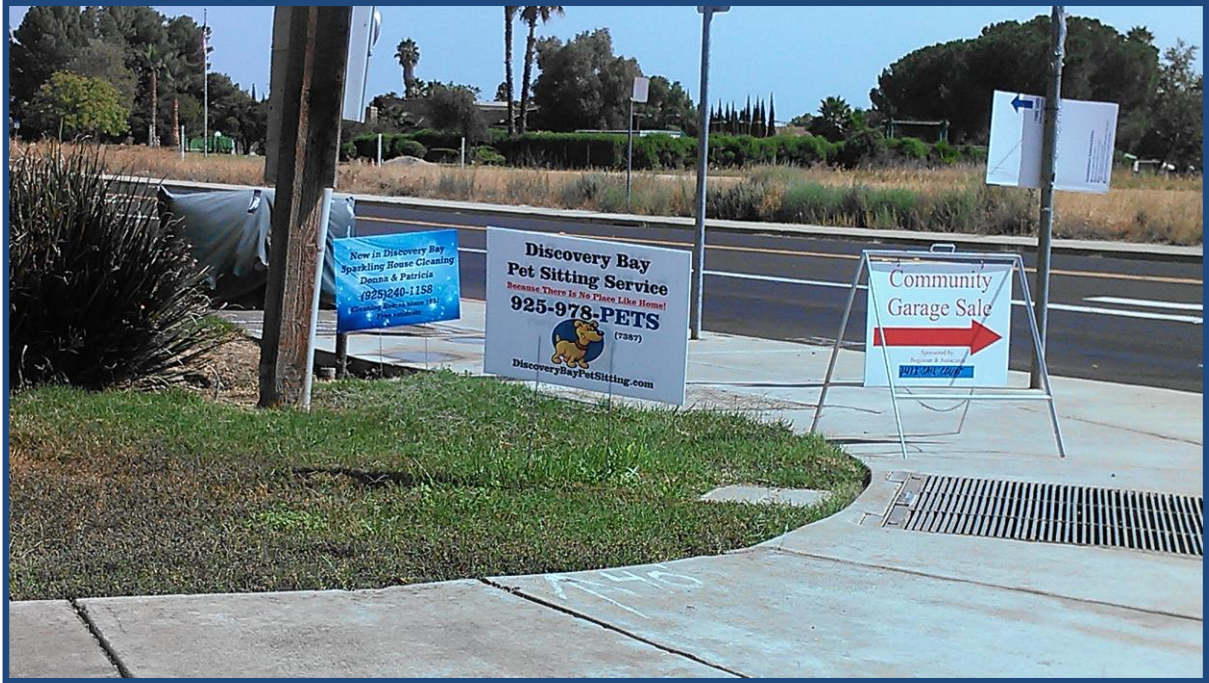


- ✓ Twice this week vandals threw a rock into a window at the community center and damaged windows. The initial incident was relatively minor and the repair was less than \$100. The sheriff was called to the scene and a report and fingerprints were taken. I contacted Lt. Johnson seeking increased surveillance, as well as support to find the vandals through the SRO and the Community Services Officer and their youth connections. The second incident of vandalism was again a broken window, and the cost to repair it will again be minimal. However, in this incident there was blood on scene and Contra Costa County CSI will be on site later this afternoon to process the scene. Vandals did not enter the building in either case of vandalism. The building is alarmed. I have authorized the immediate installation of video surveillance; however, it will not be installed until next week, at the soonest. A photo of today's damage is below:



- ✓ As the Board is aware, there has been a proliferation of illegal signs advertising small businesses that have popped up all over town recently. I have spent considerable time working with County Code Enforcement and Public Works, as well as the Sheriff on this matter. The problem becomes more apparent on Friday's as Code Enforcement does not work on the weekends, and the signs are generally removed on Sunday evenings. I forward photos of the offending signs to Code Enforcement and they then call the number and inform the business owner of the illegal nature of the signs. This past week the signs did come down, but I don't know for how long. See photo, below:





- ✓ Sue celebrates her 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary with the District today. Congratulations Sue!

### **Water and Wastewater Services**

- ✓ On Wednesday we opened bids on the final component of the Bio-Solids project. The project is for the installation of the electrical to pull all of the components together. The initial engineer's estimate for this phase of the project was \$550,000; however, after value engineering and changing the manner in which the electrical is fed into the varying components, the low bid was \$218,000. Since the last update on 4/17/2013, we have gone from a deficit of \$270,000 going into the Oxidation ditch and clarifier project to a Surplus of \$125,000. Gregory Harris of Herwit Engineering will provide an updated CIP status report to the Board at Wednesday night's Board meeting.

### **Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services**

- ✓ Tonight's movie in the park is Star Wars. "May the Force Be with You"! As always, it's free to the public. Last week's movie, The Sandlot, drew approximately 400 people!
- ✓ Pool usage continues to improve, especially on the weekends. There are a number of parties scheduled this weekend. We are also starting to see the free pool passes begin to show up. Hopefully, that will result in return customers!
- ✓ Starting this Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. a water aerobics class will start up. Mindy, one of our instructors, will teach the class. We are hoping to add another water aerobics class depending on the success of this one.

### **Important Dates**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – September 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Community Center Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Joint Meeting of the Community Center Committee and the Board is *tentatively* set for October 9, 2013. Details to follow.